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Biological Warfare Intelligence

- REFERENCES: A. Memorandum of May 22, 1945 from Secretary of Defense to Executive Secretary, MSO, sabject: "CIA Survey Group-Item to be Considered as a Mitter of Righ Frierity".
 - B. Nemorandum of May 25, 1948 from Executive Secretary, MSC to CLA Survey Group, subjects "Mological Marfare Intelligence".
 - C. Mesorandim of May 28, 1948 from Director of Central Intelligence to Secretary of Defense, subject, "Intelligence with Respect to Mological Marfare".

The attnched copy of a monorandum from Mr. Allen a. Dulius on behalf of the CIA Survey Group on the subject is forwarded heresith for your information in reply to your request in reference A. that the Survey Group give this subject high priority attention.

Wr. Dulies states that the general study the Survey Group is preparing will "deal with many questions which in one way or another will indirectly concern the field of biological warfare intelligence..."

It is also noted that the Secretary of Defense had requested the Director of Central Intelligence to take maximum efforts to develop better intelligence in the field of highestal warfare and to prepare a report for the Secretary of Defense dovering present knowledge on this subject. The Director of Central Intelligence informs me that the requested report was made to the Secretary of Defense on May 28, 1948 together with an outline of present and future intelligence programs in this field.

In view of the report of the Director of Central Intelligence and of the intention of the Survey Group to deal with questions that indirectly concern the field of biological warfare, as stated in paragraph of the attached memorandum, I will assume that he further action is necessary on this subject unless you suggest otherwise.

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Secretary, BSC from Mr. A.W.

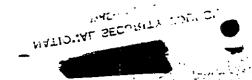
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SUBJECT

Mological Warfare Intelligence

It in behalf of the Survey Group, I wish to reply to your memoranium of 25 May 1948, in which you requested the Group to prepare a special report to the National Security Council on the subject of "Mological Warfare Intelligence,"

After having looked briefly into this questich, it is the view of the Survey throup that it would be very difficult and probably importiable for the Group to attempt to prepare a special report on hiological warfare intelligence. We believe that from the point of view of intelligence policies, organization and asthoda, it is very difficult to isolate one problem such as this from the intelligence field as a whole. There is the added difficulty that a specialized examination of this question, in order to determine the adequacy of our present state of intelligence and the means of improving it, would require a high degree of technical knowledge which the Survey Group does not possess.

the conclusions which our survey may develop, we expect to deal with many questions which in one way or another will indirectly concern the field of biological warfare intelligence, and it is our view that we can more effectively carry out our mission if we proceed toward a broad examination of the intelligence problem than if we attempt to make special studies in highly technical fields where we are not competent.

/S/ Allen W. Dulles

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